

### REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the application in light of the Office Action dated April 29, 2008 ("Office Action"). Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 17 are rejected. Claims 3, 6-9, 13-16, and 18-20 are objected to. Claims 3, 13, and 18 are currently canceled and Claims 21-24 are currently added. In view of these cancellations and amendments, Claims 1, 4-10, 12, 14-17, and 19-24 are currently pending in the application. Applicant submits that the present claims are allowable, particularly in view of the Examiner's earlier indication.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes and appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 3, 6-9, 13-16, and 18-20 recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 4, 10, 12, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,475,817 issued to Waldo et al. ("*Waldo*") and Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Waldo*. While Applicant respectfully submits that *Waldo* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose various aspects of the present claims, the pending independent claims were amended to recite subject matter similar to that indicated by the Examiner as allowable over *Waldo*. No new matter has been added to the application by these amendments. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1, 10, and 17 and all claims depending therefrom.

Claims 21-23 are newly added independent claims. Applicant submits that *Waldo* does not teach or suggest the limitations of Claims 21-23 for reasons similar to the Examiner's indication that Claims 3, 6-9, 13-16, and 18-20 recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new Claims 21-23.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

If the present Application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

The fee for three (3) additional independent claims in the amount of \$630 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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